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METHOD OF )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, )  
PATTERN MEASUREMENT )  
APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Foreign Patent document is attached. Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Laid Open (KOKAI) No. 2002-288677 disclosed a measurement method using a distance-angle distribution of edge pairs. The relevance of this document is also discussed at page 15 of the specification of the present application and an English-language abstract is enclosed as well.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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